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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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OTSUKI KOICHI

: EXAMINER: To be Assigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

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: GROUP ART UNIT: To be Assigned

FOR: COLOR PRINTING USING A VERTICAL NOZZLE ARRAY HEAD

## PRELIMINARY COMMENT

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## **REMARKS**

Favorable consideration of the present application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

This application is a Continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/461,307, filed on December 15, 1999. New Claim 1 is a combination of original Claims 13 and 3 of the co-pending application and thus is fully supported by the specification. Therefore, new Claim 1 does not raise an issue of new matter.

In view of the foregoing, examination on the merits of Claims 1 is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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